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A lawn-care expert thinks liquid fertilizer was used to write "Go Riders" on a berm surrounding the University of Manitoba and Investors Group Field in Winnipeg after last Friday's game. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

Rider writers blight Bombers' berm

'GO RIDERS.' Could be weeks before message grown in lawn outside the stadium disappears

SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

Who knew Saskatchewan Roughriders fans also have green thumbs?

This week, large letters began glowing Rider green out of the otherwise brown grass on a berm surrounding the University of Manitoba campus and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' stadium.

Now the phrase "Go Riders" greets Bomber fans as they turn off Pembina Highway on their way to home games.

From a distance the "lawn art" looks like it's been spray-painted, but a closer look reveals the letters are just brighter than the surrounding grass.

So is the grass somehow greener for Rider fans? Not so, said Dana Kapusta, co-owner of Nutri-Lawn in Winnipeg.

"They probably had a backpack sprayer filled with liquid fertilizer," he said. "And that's some big letters.... You'd be looking at a two-man job."

Kapusta figures the melonheads were experienced.

"It's impressive," conceded the Bomber fan. "If you apply too much you're going to kill the grass, so somebody knew what they were doing."

Judging by the colour of the grass, Kapusta thinks the deed was likely done last Friday and that it'll take at least two weeks for the message to vanish.

Both the Bombers and the Riders declined to comment on the prank Wednesday.

WITH FILES FROM MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Remarks from Rider Nation

"It's very inappropriate. That's not how fans should cheer on their team.... That's downgrading the other team."
Germaine Mason, who's supported the Riders for the past 10 years

"It makes me feel proud to be a Rider. We've got jokers out there who would take time out of their day to travel to other cities and spread the happiness."
Cailean Duke, a lifelong Rider supporter

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Pot growers: Why can't we all just get along, man?

New laws be damned. Defiant medicinal marijuana aficionados say the Prairie Medicinal Harvest Cup will go on

Saskatchewan's Prairie Medicinal Harvest Cup won't go up in smoke, even if new federal regulations force it underground.

The event, which invites medicinal marijuana growers across Saskatchewan and Canada to submit pot samples to be judged, is entering its third year. Organizers say it will continue beyond 2013, despite a new federal law prohibiting private-dwelling production.

"We all started underground," said Jeff Lundstrom, owner of Saskatoon's Skunk Funk Smoker's Emporium, a medicinal grower and founder of the Harvest Cup.

"We were all illegal before the program, so if (they) think we don't know where our roots came from and how to get back to them, they're wrong."

From Friday through Sunday, 15 growers — approximately 11 of whom are from Saskatchewan — will compete for the Cup in Saskatoon.

Lundstrom, however, said it's focused on more than potent pot.

"We need acceptance, and the only way to make that happen is to host events like this," he explained.

City police say that though some individuals are legally permitted to possess medicinal marijuana, they will charge those without proper licences and will take enforcement of the event on a step-by-step basis.

Insp. Jerome Engele said by email that holders of possession licences are not "allowed to share, sell (or) give" marijuana.

Those who do, he added, are "subject to charges under the Criminal Code of Canada and ... are also breaching their licensing agreements."

Organizers are expecting about 300 guests at the Cup competition at the event.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police and new laws may harsh his mellow. Jeff Lundstrom, a medicinal marijuana grower and founder of the Prairie Medicinal Harvest Cup, holds bags of pot at his Saskatoon business, Skunk Funk Smoker's Emporium. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Lloydminster

Sex offender on the loose leads to school lockdowns

Public schools in Lloydminster on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary were in lockdown Wednesday because a potentially violent high-risk sex offender was on the loose.

Michael Diachuk, director of education with the Lloydminster Public School Division, says doors were locked and students were being kept inside following a warning from the RCMP.

Mounties said Tuesday that an Edmonton man's electronic monitoring bracelet was found on the roof of a business in Lloydminster — it had been cut off.

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Elbow

Blaze rips through condo

A fire has ravaged a condominium complex in Elbow, Sask.

Initial reports say no one was injured when flames tore through the 32-unit building early Wednesday morning.

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Cleanup for Grey Cup

Graffiti be gone!

A Regina inner-city community is sprucing up for November's Grey Cup festivities.

In partnership with city hall and the municipal police force, the North Central Community Association kicked off a graffiti-cleaning blitz on Wednesday. METRO

Chamber of commerce

Executive of the year: John Hopkins

Regina and District Chamber of Commerce CEO John Hopkins is taking home some hardware. Hopkins has been awarded the 2013 Executive of the Year award by the Canadian Chambers of Commerce Executives of Canada. METRO

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Canadian man arrested in Somalia accused of beheading his 4 sons

'This man is crazy.' Omar Hassan, 60, spent 30 years driving a taxi in Calgary, says the grieving mother of slain boys

A 60-year-old Canadian has been arrested in Somalia, accused of beheading his four sons with a knife.

Local press reported that police in the central city of Beledweyne arrested Omar Hassan Sunday evening after his four young children — Yahye, 7, twins Idiris and Sakariye, 6, and Yonis, 3 — were found dead.

"He has taken my blood!" wailed the boys' mother Qadro Addawe, reached by telephone in Mogadishu. "I don't have anything. I lost my children and I don't have anyone to help me now."

Addawe, 29, said Hassan spent 30 years driving a taxi in Calgary, and she married him in 2005 in the hope of having a better life. "He's a (Canadian) citizen," she said. Hiiraan Online, a Somali news website, reported Hassan had also worked in Yellowknife.

Addawe said they were married in Ethiopia and then moved to Kenya, where they had their first boy. They went next to Uganda, where the twins were born, and then moved back to Somalia, where they had their last child in 2010.

Quoted

"I don't have anything. I lost my children and I don't have anyone to help me now."

Qadro Addawe, mother of four boys allegedly beheaded by their father in Somalia

Once established in Beledweyne, Hassan started threatening Addawe and the boys, she said. Shortly afterward, she fell ill and was forced to leave her sons in the care of a relative while she made the long journey to Mogadishu so she could receive proper treatment in a hospital.

Around this same time, Hassan stopped supporting her financially, she said.

She contacted Canadian diplomats repeatedly in an attempt to get papers to allow her and the children to immigrate to Canada but says she was rebuffed.

She received a call from the Beledweyne police at 8:30 a.m. Monday, telling her about the murders and the arrest.

"I have been his wife for eight years. I know his character," she said. "His problem, I don't understand. This man is crazy."

"He said he wanted to attack me. I prayed to Allah.... Now he's killed them." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Global arms trade

Gun lobby warns Ottawa against signing UN treaty

Canada's recreational firearms lobby is telling the Harper government to avoid signing a landmark UN arms-trade treaty, arguing it could lead to an insidious return of the federal long-gun registry.

That's the message Canada's National Firearms Association and the Canadian Shooting Sports Association are delivering to Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird as he weighs whether Canada should follow the U.S. in signing the Arms Trade Treaty, which aims to regulate the global arms trade.

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Kenya

Official believes only 4 took part in mall attack

Closed-circuit television footage from a Nairobi mall attacked by terrorists last month shows four men carrying automatic weapons, a top government official said Wednesday, an indication there may not have been as many attackers as government officials first said.

Kenya's government initially said 10 to 15 attackers were involved in the Sept. 21 attack on Westgate Mall, but the official said he believes only four took part in the protracted siege.

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Riot police clash with protesters in Ukraine

A riot police officer clashes with opposition activists in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday during a protest rally demanding a re-election of the city council. About 200 opposition demonstrators gathered outside the Kyiv city hall to protest a court ruling extending the authority of the current city legislature. Skirmishes erupted when several opposition members of the national parliament tried to enter the building and were turned away by police. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More controversy for Ford. Friend of Toronto mayor arrested on drug charges

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said Wednesday he's surprised and shocked one of his friends has been arrested and charged with four drug offences in the city's west end.

Toronto police say Alessandro Lisi, 35, is one of two men arrested Tuesday after a search warrant was executed in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation.

Lisi is charged with trafficking in marijuana, possession of proceeds of crime, possession of marijuana and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

Ford defended his friend in an impromptu news conference at a gas station near his west-end home, saying Lisi is "(on the) straight and narrow" and he's never seen him drink or do drugs.

"He's a friend, he's a good guy and I don't throw my friends under the bus," he said.

He refused to comment further on Lisi's arrest, saying the matter is before the courts.

Lisi appeared in court at Toronto's Old City Hall Wednesday afternoon and was granted $5,000 bail. He has another court appearance Nov. 12.

Quoted

"He's a friend, he's a good guy and I don't throw my friends under the bus."

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, on the arrest of his friend Alessandro Lisi

Media reports have described Lisi as a close friend and occasional driver for the mayor.

Torstar News Service reported earlier this year that Lisi was looking for a video that allegedly showed Ford using crack cocaine. Ford has said he does not use crack cocaine and the alleged video does not exist.

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An angry Toronto Mayor Rob Ford addresses reporters outside an Esso gas station in Toronto on Wednesday regarding the arrest of his friend and occasional driver Alessandro Lisi, right.

LEFT: GRAHAM SLAUGHTER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; RIGHT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Publishing

Author Tom Clancy dies at 66

Tom Clancy, whose high-tech thrillers such as The Hunt for Red October and Patriot Games made him the most influential military novelist of his time, has died. He was 66. His publisher estimated

Tom Clancy in 1998
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

that worldwide sales of his novels top 100 million copies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Upward trend

Internet stocks regain some sizzle

Internet stocks are heating up again, just as Twitter is preparing to turn up the temperature with its highly anticipated IPO.

Consider what's happened in the past month: The once-scorned stocks of Netflix and Facebook have soared to new highs; Yahoo's stock has surpassed $34 US for the first time in nearly six years; enamoured investors just poured more than $1.7 billion US into secondary stock offerings by LinkedIn and Pandora; and Priceline's stock just broke $1,000 US, catapulting past its peak reached in 1999. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. budget battle. Obama, GOP leaders meet in D.C.

Furloughed government workers protest in Washington. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama summoned congressional leaders to the White House on the second day of a partial government shutdown that has furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers and closed military cemeteries as far away as France. Republican leaders welcomed the Wednesday afternoon meeting but questioned whether Democrats were ready to deal.

Much of the government's operations were put on hold early Tuesday — ruining vacations, robbing businesses of customers and even idling many in the nation's intelligence force — in a dispute over Republicans' efforts to block or postpone Obama's health care law.

Obama repeatedly has said he won't negotiate changes in the law in exchange for reopening the government. Some in both parties have ominously suggested the impasse might last for weeks, with tea party-backed conservatives especially committed to the fight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What to do with a 3D printer? Copy yourself

Technology. London startup is betting that printed plastic figurines will be a hot keepsake

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News in London

My twin is a perfect replica. From the haircut to the creases on his shirt, and the less-than-perfect posture, he is a mirror image. But at 15 centimeters tall, my twin appears to have been zapped by a shrink ray.

The truth is only slightly less like science fiction. The clone has been freshly printed from plastic, using an "experimental technique" by London tech startup Levavo.

To create Kieron 2, I stood in a studio surrounded by over 60 cameras that scanned and measured me, using photogrammetry to accurately extract features, before feeding the information to a 3D printer that uses around 400,000 colours.

The business is among the first of its kind, a product of the Polish brothers Marcin and Piotr Piosik. "It started from us photographing garden ornaments," says Marcin. "We realized the potential of 3D printing and bought 20 cameras to make a prototype."

Investors were impressed and the brothers began to produce commercially, selling the models for around $120 each. Customers find surprising uses for the figurines.

"Some use them like photos, keeping their family on a shelf," says Marcin. "Others like to have superhero effects, and one guy would get them to see how his diet was working."

The brothers aim to launch studios across Europe, and stay ahead of the game by constantly improving resolution and the materials for models. "We believe in the next couple of years we will have the same detail as any photo," says Marcin.

Quoted

"We believe in the next couple of years we will have the same detail as any photo."

Marcin Piosik, a co-founder of London tech startup Levavo, which uses 3D printers to make replicas of people.

Kieron with Kieron 2: Metro reporter Kieron Monks shows off his 3D-printed mini-me at the Levavo office in London, England. METRO IN LONDON

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HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

My landlord and I have a complex relationship built on a solid foundation of shouting.

Many people have landlords who treat their apartments with benign neglect, quick to respond to every tenant request with a blithe, "We can send somebody in about a week," even if the specific message was "FIRE!"

Well, John my landlord is not like that.

John is the opposite of that. John is this: a perfectionist and a busybody and 90-something-years-old.

The kind of landlord who stares at you through the mottled glass of his door like you can't see his distorted silhouette. The kind who stands on the front porch with a flyswatter (really), lest an insect sully his perfect patio. The kind who has appeared on Google Maps during two separate iterations, sitting in his designated spot, probably mulling where to find a flyswatter big enough to chase off the Google Car.

John is hard of hearing, so while he's being nosy, he speaks to you at a volume usually reserved for pro wrestling interviews. GROCERIES, HUH?! WHAT YOU GOT THERE!? YOGHURT?!?!

Have I mentioned my rent is really low?

I'm not a perfectionist, to put it mildly. When the tenant upstairs moved, John had me take some photos of the apartment so he could catalogue the "mess" that had been left behind, such as an onion in the fridge.

"How can anyone live like this?" he asked, as I thought about the rotting vegetables in my fridge, several of which had become radioactive and/or sentient.

That means every time he knocks on my apartment door, my life descends into a Benny Hill panic, Yakety Sax blaring, except the only half-naked person is me. When he arrives for the occasional maintenance visit, I throw my pants off, so I can open the door a crack and let him know I'll be "just a minute." This buys me time to, say, cover the tomato soup stain in the middle of the living room carpet.

Once I was dealing with a fruit fly infestation with vinegar traps when he unexpectedly knocked. I was forced to improvise with the vacuum cleaner, in a massacre I like to imagine the surviving fruit flies still talk about in hushed tones.

Maybe it's my fault that I'm a slob, maybe it's his fault that his idea of a reasonable warning is three knocks and a gentle "HELLO ANYBODY HOME?!?!"

Whatever the case, I'm happy. As long as my apartment is clean and affordable, I will put up with levels of eccentricity that greatly exceed the scientifically acceptable safe limit of 12 micro quirks per square metre.

How do I make it work? I believe the key to a successful tenant-landlord relationship is communication: that is, avoid it at all costs.

When John is friendly, I smile. When he's confrontational, I nod. Then I move on. Compare to the upstairs tenant, who has had at least three shouting matches with him since she moved in a month ago. Calling the police seems to be a running theme, so at least they have some common ground to work from.

If you'd like any further tips on how to deal with your landlord, I'll just need a minute to throw some clothes on and ask you to ignore any strange noises, such as explosions. But feel free to give me a shout. That's what I'm used to.

ZOOM

Gaza's tunnel smugglers bored

HATEM MOUSSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No goods transferred amid Egypt turmoil

A Palestinian man works in a tunnel in Rafah, on the border between Egypt and the southern Gaza Strip.

Since the summer, Egypt's military has tried to destroy or seal off most of the smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border, a consequence of the heightened tensions between Cairo and the Hamas government in Gaza. The tunnels once employed thousands of young men in Gaza. By early September, with most tunnels closed, only a few tunnel workers reported to their jobs for maintenance work. Some mask their faces with shirts to avoid identification while working, for fear of repercussions in case they were to travel to Egypt in the future.

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A solution to a blockade

- The tunnels have served for years as a lifeline for Gaza, home to some 1.7 million Palestinians.
- They became important after Hamas overran the territory in 2007, prompting Israel and Hosni Mubarak to impose a border blockade.

Fuel, construction goods

"We have no other alternative but to work in these tunnels. They are the only crossing to bring needed goods to Gaza."

Hussam Rashwan, tunnel worker
Some workers began digging new tunnels to replace the ones destroyed by the Egyptian security forces.

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RE: O Canada, In All Thy Gender-Neutral Sons Command...? Published Oct. 1

When you have a mixed group, male and female, the masculine is no longer masculine alone but encompasses the entire group. For example, if you holler, "Hi there, guys," to a group of friends, the girls in the group are included in the greeting because of the rules of language.

English is not the only language that does this. In French, if you have a mixed group of men and women, the pronoun used is 'Ils.' It means all of them. In Spanish, if you have a mixed group, the pronoun used is 'Ellos,' the plural masculine form which now includes the women, too.

'In all thy sons command' implies sons and daughters. It leaves no one out. I lament that these women, who claim to represent all women (yeah, right) didn't pay more attention to their education. It's important to learn about the world and I would think that language would be a good skill to have.

Get a grip! You make me embarrassed of my own gender.

Hazel May Lebrun posted to metronews.ca

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For the love of laughs and shorts

Comedy. Gabriel Iglesias brings his brand of funny to western Canada. Just don't expect him to leave his Cali gear at home

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Most people who are making a name for themselves in entertainment would consider starring in a huge Hollywood film the pinnacle of their careers. Gabriel Iglesias clearly isn't most entertainers.

"Honestly, I'm not a big fan of the movie making experience. I love saying that I did a movie, I like the premiere, I like watching it. But the actual work involved in making a movie, it's not my first choice," Iglesias said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

While Iglesias is grateful for his cinematic opportunities, which have included a significant role as deejay Tobias in Magic Mike and recently wrapping a role starring alongside Marlon Wayans in A Haunted House 2, time spent on movie set means time away from his first love.

"I'm a comedian, I love being able to travel and do shows, maybe party after, meet the people then jump on a plane and head onto the next city."

Iglesias, better known as Fluffy to fans of his stand-up work, says the long days and slow pace on movie sets are hard to take compared to his usual day job.

His success as a comedian allows him to live what he describes as a "rock star lifestyle" on the road on the weekends, while still being able to come home to his family in California during the week.

Comedian and California native, Gabriel Iglesias, plans on "rocking" the shorts on his western Canada tour.
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Online presence

Iglesias attributes much of the growth of the Fluffy phenomenon to his online presence. His videos have millions of views on YouTube and he runs his Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms. "I'm very hands on with it, I like interacting with my fans. I tell people 'hey, if you didn't get a reply, it was actually me not replying,'" Iglesias said.

But it took a long time to get to this point. Before achieving success Iglesias experienced several lows including being evicted from his home. However, his perseverance paid off as he has released two wildly popular DVDs of his work and has appeared on virtually every late night talk show.

"I was 10-years-old when I saw the movie Eddie Murphy Raw, and it was weird I just knew that somehow I would end up doing this," Iglesias said. "This is what I've always wanted to do. Everything else is kind of icing on the cake."

Iglesias will soon be bringing his stand-up to Saskatchewan with shows in Saskatoon on Oct. 6 and Regina on Oct. 11.

"It's an interesting show, I bring about four comics with me but there's also a stage show that happens. The best way I can describe it is the WWE meets the Food Network. It's not just a stand-up show, it's very interactive."

And despite the chilly temperatures in the forecast as he makes his way through Eastern Canada, the California native won't be making any adjustments to his trademark wardrobe.

"I have no problem with your climate; I'll still be rocking shorts."

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Do not be alarmed, people of the U.K. — it's just Brad Pitt in his tank

Brad Pitt's latest Second World War film, Fury, involves him spending a lot of time in a tank, so it's no surprise that residents of the U.K. town where they're filming have been warned about "loud and unexpected noises" and "intermittent controlled gunfire and explosions" during production, according to the Telegraph newspaper.

"We wanted to warn people in advance so that they are not alarmed, but also we don't want people ringing the emergency services," a studio spokesperson says of the filming of the film.

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The Word

Don't Giver the role! Swift will ruin one of my favourites

ALEXANDRA M. CAVALLO
Metro World News in NYC

As most of you probably know by now, Taylor Swift has been cast in a small role in the upcoming film adaptation of Lois Lowry's iconic YA novel The Giver. I say iconic because this book, like, defined my fourth grade year. So, when I heard that T. Swift — she of the never-ending odes to the bad, bad boys who shattered her achy breaky heart and the nonexistent acting chops (you guys saw Valentine's Day, right? Oh, no? Me neither) — was going to make an appearance in a Giver movie, I was a little affronted. And by a little affronted I mean I was all, "Say whaaat now?" and SMH dramatically at my laptop. Especially because the rest of the cast is shaping up to be pretty alright — Jeff Bridges as the title carrier of all the world's pain and the inimitable Meryl Streep as the village matriarch responsible for assigning roles to the children when they come of age. Katie Holmes is apparently slated to play Jonas' mother, which I'm also not too psyched about but hey, she sort of lived the real life version of a woman brainwashed into believing a totally altered and whitewashed way of life was normal, so maybe she'll bring some real authenticity to the role. Swift is apparently going to play Rosemary, the girl who was supposed to become the next Giver before Jonas. And that's the only reason I haven't written a strongly worded letter to the casting director yet. I can take consolation in already knowing how she fares (spoiler alert: not well).

George Clooney

Clooney continues his Playboy ways

It looks like George Clooney is completely over Stacy Keibler, if his reported sleepover with Croatian model Monika Jakisic at his L.A. mansion last week is any indication. The pair "spent hours talking and have an incredible connection," a source tells Us Weekly. That connection apparently began at a London nightclub back in May — two months before Clooney officially split with Keibler — where he and Jakisic "danced and held hands," according to the source.

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Au revoir to the runway

Another season of style has taken us to New York, London, Milan and finally, Paris. We conclude Spring/Summer 2014 fashion month with a look at France's most fabulous and forgettable offerings.

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Stella McCartney

Stella McCartney took a more relaxed, understated route for spring, working with longer silhouettes in single-tones. There was a very clear no-nonsense quality about the clothes, even with the more decorative skirts that had the peek-a-boo slits across the thighs. These were clothes for the woman who wants to look fashionable, but doesn't want to think about her outfit once she's put it on.

Chanel

Karl Lagerfeld's sophisticated tweed suits and younger urban dresses, all in saturated colours and painterly graphics, were the polar opposite of last season's work, which was darker and filled with Karl's rocker-edged trademarks. Watching the show, you got the sense that it was about having fun and enjoying the act of dressing up — how can you not in, say, a dress covered in multi-coloured tiers made to look like silk Pantone chips? It's display on an even grander scale than the pedestal treatment a sculpture may get in a gallery. And if you're going to show off, what better thing to wear than Chanel?

Saint Laurent Paris

Say what you want about Hedi Slimane, but you can't deny that he seems to know what women are in the mood to wear. Critics were on the fence about his last collection, which brought back grunge. Grunge at Saint Laurent? Isn't that blasphemy? The clothes are undeniably cool and sexy, but Isabel Marant already got there first. No matter, this updated take on that French rocker girl je ne sais quoi will be all over Zara and the like come March, if not sooner.

Chloé

Clare Waight Keller's clothes were refreshingly devoid of any bold graphics and prints, and yet it still had that feel-good quality that has characterized the shows this week. There wasn't a crystal or sequin in sight. Instead, she showed single-colour, easy-to-wear separates and dresses in a range of desert tones that were like a palette cleanser after the gilded, print parade we've seen this week. Best of all, it will give some much needed variety to the shop floors next spring.

Akris

This collection ran into trouble with the prints, which made the clothes look more like something you'd see in Banana Republic than on a Paris runway. The wrong print can cheapen a well-made piece. Other moments, though, such as an ivory v-neck sundress with sheer grids and a white coat dress with curved, sculptural tiers looked pretty, timeless and flawless — perfect for someone like, say, Princess Charlene of Monaco who sat front row.

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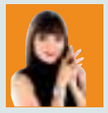

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Ayanda Teacher

What she's wearing
Blundstone shoes, vintage denim shorts, Forever21 V-Neck Tee, vintage Leo de Gennaro sunglasses, and NARS red lipstick.

Her inspiration
"I just wear what represents me… and I feel naked if I am not wearing red lipstick."

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Put down boxed mac and cheese

Sweet Potato Mac & Cheese

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"The whole wheat noodles and sweet potato up the nutritional score of this recipe, but it's as creamy and satisfying as a more traditional mac and cheese," writes Ceri Marsh in How to Feed a Family.

"I first made it when I needed to bring a dish to the Christmas potluck at (my daughter) Esme's daycare a couple of years ago. It's great any time you have to feed a big gang."

Ingredients

- 3 cups (750 ml) whole wheat macaroni
- 4 cup (60 ml) butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup (250 ml) canned sweet potato purée
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas

1. Cook the pasta according to the package instructions.

2. In a large heavy-bottomed saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Sprinkle the flour over the butter, stir and allow to cook for a minute or two. Now slowly add the milk, stirring continually to stop the sauce from lumping up. If it's not thickening, nudge the heat up just a bit. Now add the cheeses and stir as they melt. Add the puréed sweet potato and stir well to combine. Taste before seasoning with salt and pepper.

3. In the last 2 minutes of the pasta's cooking time, add the frozen peas. (Who needs to dirty another pot?) Drain the pasta and peas in a sieve. Pour the cooked pasta and peas into the pot with sauce and give everything a good stir. Serve straight from the pot into bowls.

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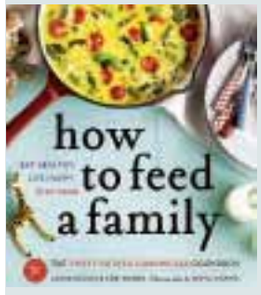
Cookbook of the Week

Make them come running to the table



Since the success of their site sweetpotatochronicles.com, a cookbook was a natural next step for working moms Ceri Marsh and Laura Keogh.

As with their site, in How to Feed a Family the two offer recipes tailored specifically to families. They are simple, fast, easy-to-follow and use ingredients that are readily-available at local grocery stores.

Interspersed with the recipes are parenting tips and advice to encourage happy mealtimes for the whole family. **METRO**

Light up your living room

Tables and lights.
Part 2 of a series on living room decor will help you find the right accent tables and lighting for your space

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In this four-part series, I'm serving up decor tips to get your living room looking fabulous in time for the holidays. In this issue, I tackle tables and lamps.

Size

• The lower the coffee table (14 to 18 inches high), the more modern it is. A higher coffee table (often referred to as a cocktail table, at 20 to 26 inches high) is a more traditional approach.
• The length of the coffee table should be two-thirds of the seating area on the sofa. Anything larger will be too awkward to move around.
• Two or three matching small tables can replace one large table and offer up flexibility when entertaining in a small space.
• The height of an end table should be within three inches lower or higher than the sofa arm.
• Try to find an end table that is almost as deep as the sofa — this will maximize space and offer more tabletop display surface.

Style

• Coffee and end tables don't have to match each other.
• If you have a casual household (young children, movie nights and slumber parties) then wood tables or upholstered ottomans (with trays on top) might be a better option for you.
• Glass-topped tables work better where formal entertaining is done.
• If you want to mix and match tables, wood and/or metal tones should be similar to other furnishings or accessories in the room.
• Tables that also offer storage are perfect for smaller spaces.

Cost

• The price depends on the level of quality you are considering.
• A beat-up storage trunk found on the side of the road could be the perfect solution for cottage-style decor, whereas a wooden English side table could cost you thousands of dollars.
• Rule of thumb: Your coffee table should cost about 30 per cent of the cost of your sofa.
• An inexpensive end table can look like a million bucks when topped with a fitted marble top.

Every room needs three types of lighting. Here's what you need in your living room to create the right mood:

Overhead: Try recessed lighting or pot lighting. These lights are used to brighten dark corners or walkways and illuminate paintings.

Ambient: This includes dimmed lights you leave on when you go out at night. A picture light, small candlestick lamps, plug-in night lights and battery-operated candles all help to create ambience in a room at night.

Task: Reading lamps are most popular. I like an elbow-angled floor lamp that can be moved when not in use.

Part 3

Next week: Artwork

Mixing and matching tables helps create an eclectic living room. cb2.com.

An alternative to a coffee table is an ottoman with storage. Jess Storage Ottoman, $1,250, modern-countryinteriors.com.

Make sure you take the height and style of your sofa into consideration when choosing an end table. Original Cottage end table, $129, sears.ca.

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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

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There are many communities, designs, and builders to choose from, so read advertisements, browse builder websites, visit home shows and model show homes to get a feel for what your dream home is. ISTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Informed shoppers are best shoppers

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Maybe you have been dreaming up blueprints for years or simply stumbled upon a community where you would like to build your new home. Whatever the case, put on your savvy shopper hat and get informed.

There are many communities, designs, and builders to choose from, so read advertisements, browse builder websites, visit home shows and model show homes to get a feel for what your dream home is. Make a list of your need-to-have and want-to-have requirements.

Similar to resale homes, location and amenities are key when buying new. Investigate future development plans for roads, schools, shopping centres, green space and more prior to selecting your community.

When buying new, you are purchasing a package of services, not just the physical home structure, so you will need to carefully select a builder who is aligned with your goals.

Every builder will have a different philosophy on quality, speed to complete the home, flexibility with the design and the inclusion of certain finishings; some are standard like carpet floor, whereas others, like hardwood, cost extra and need to be included in your budget. Some builders require milestone payments throughout the construction process, in which case you will need your lender to design a mortgage structure that accommodates these. All of these items are negotiable.

Warranty and after-sale services are also very important so you aren't left high and dry with a lopsided door or faulty furnace. Before your home is completed, you will join the builder in a walk-through of the home to verify that the work has been done according to plan. If you are satisfied, you will sign a certificate of completion, noting any outstanding work and when it will be completed. This triggers the warranty coverage on your home.

Choose a builder with an excellent reputation and interview owners who have purchased from your builder. In Canada, most builders are members of the local Canadian Home Builder's Association (chba.ca). Ensure your builder is a true professional.

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Before you meet with any mortgage lender, get familiar with current rates, terms and conditions. CREATAS/THINKSTOCK

There are more than 400 types of mortgage products in Canada and it's important to select financing that suits your needs.

Financial institutions offer mortgage products from their in-house selection. If you are an existing client of the institution, you can negotiate for the best rates because the bank wants to keep your business. So don't be afraid to present a competitive offer to your banker. Because of tough lending standards, however, Canadians with poor credit or low incomes will find it tough to qualify for traditional bank financing.

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Private mortgages, offered through mortgage brokers, are different from traditional mortgages in that private companies or private investors finance them. Their motivation to lend you money is an investment opportunity for them to collect interest.

Many private mortgage companies and investors have a higher risk tolerance than financial institutions and are therefore more flexible with lending rules. For buyers with a poor credit history or less stable financial situation, private mortgages are a good option. But because private mortgages tend to be higher risk, interest rates, and possibly closing fees, can be greater than mortgages offered by financial institutions.

Before you meet with any lender, get familiar with current rates, terms and conditions. Check posted rates on any bank's website. Ratehub.ca and ratesupermarket.ca compare the best rates in your area.

Saving helps form good money habits

Do you think home ownership is right for you? The first step to making your dream a reality is saving for a down payment.

Most lenders require that you put down a minimum of five per cent of the value of the home, from your own resources or by way of a gift from an immediate relative. If the home you want to purchase costs $300,000, a five per cent down payment is $15,000.

Keep in mind that if you want to avoid having to pay for mortgage insurance, offered namely by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Genworth, or Canada Guaranty, you will need to come up with a 20 per cent down payment.

Ready for the challenge? Flip open your laptop and create a budget or download a free template from any major bank, CMHC or Google documents.

Budgets are an effective tool to help plan your savings and control spending. List your monthly income and subtract your expenses to get to your bottom line.

Knowing the amount you want to save for a down payment, determine how much you will need to tuck away each month to achieve your goal. To save $15,000 in one year will mean squirrelling away $1,250 per month. If you get a bonus or gift from a family member, add it to your savings.

The safest interest-earning accounts are high-interest savings accounts, guaranteed investment certificates, and money market mutual funds, all of which you can contribute through automatic bank contributions on payday.

The act of saving for a down payment helps form healthy financial habits, which you will need once you are a homeowner.

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House or condo. Which is right for you?

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If you love the thought of hosting backyard barbecues and you don't mind cutting the lawn, freehold home ownership will probably work for you.

Freehold ownership is where you own both the physical land and the home on the land. This means you have full control over the property, subject to any local land-use bylaws, Crown rights or other restrictions communicated to you at the time of purchase. As long as you don't break any laws or violate permitting limitations you can do almost anything to the property, from remodelling, to planting a garden to building a fence.

Freehold ownership also means the owner is responsible for maintaining the yard, interior and exterior of the property. But if you don't keep up with predetermined neighbourhood permits, codes and standards, local residents can submit their complaints and the city can issue you warnings.

If, on the other hand, the sight of hedging sheers causes you goosebumps, you may want to consider a condominium.

With condominium ownership, you own the unit you live in and share in the ownership of common space within your building. Each month, unit owners pay fees to maintain and improve the building.

Condominiums are typically governed by a board of directors comprised of select unit owners, and the day-to-day activities like lawn maintenance and window cleaning are managed by a property manager who is employed by the board.

Because you don't own the building in a condo, you are limited in what can be changed. For example, if you want to install a hot tub on the balcony of your 21st-floor apartment, you would likely need to seek approval from the condominium board prior to hiring a crane. And condominiums have rules about things like noise and pets.

For many individuals that travel, condominium living is perfect. They simply lock the door to their unit and jet set to their destination knowing their property is secure.

A reputable realtor can walk you through the negotiation process and help you stick to your walk-away point. ISTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Negotiations are part of the process

In many cases, your initial offer to purchase is simply a starting point for negotiating. Often, the seller will counter-offer, which means they will ask for aspects of your initial offer to be amended, such as the price, deposit or conditions. Buyers and sellers continue to swap offers and counteroffers until they have reached an agreement or choose to walk away from the deal.

When making an offer, protect yourself and your finances by leaving emotions out of the equation and knowing your limits in terms of affordability and conditions. Clearly defining a "walk-away" point will also help guide the process.

When the negotiations begin, ask for what you want, but be realistic. Don't offer $100,000 for a property worth $1 million. Base your offer on facts by reviewing and presenting information on comparable properties from realtor.ca.

If it's a buyer's market, disclose that you are interested in other properties. If it's a seller's market, put a human face to the process and write a personal letter to the seller.

Throughout the process you will learn the seller's needs and can negotiate based on those.

A reputable realtor can walk you through the negotiation process and help you stick to your walk-away point.

The interest rate and terms of your mortgage are also up for negotiation. Follow these steps:

- Research current rates and terms by reviewing multiple websites of financial institutions. Also check out ratehub.ca for the best rates across Canada.
- Speak to a mortgage representative or manager, and ask for a better rate. Keep what you researched in mind during your discussion. Most credit grantors will try to work with you to earn or keep your business, especially if you are a good client.
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Shopping for a resale home is exciting because you can see and touch exactly what you are buying. ISTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Build your new home wish list

Shopping for a resale home is exciting because you can see and touch exactly what you are buying. Prior to hiring a realtor, though, get pre-approved for your mortgage so you know exactly your price limitations and prepare a list of your needs and wants. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) offers a helpful home features checklist to pull your list together.

Of greatest importance is location. Think about safety, accessibility, noise, urban vs. suburban living, price, and resale ability. Next, consider your lifestyle. If your children are bouncing off the walls, you may need a yard. If you are into outdoor sports you will need space for skis, bicycles and more. Your life stage will dictate optimal size. Based on your wish list you can select the ideal home type — townhome, attached or detached home, or condominium.

Once you are clear about what you want in a home, hire a real estate agent.

There are many benefits to working with an experienced agent — they are knowledgeable about the real estate market (where, when, and how to buy) and how to conduct a successful real estate transaction. Often, they have access to better market information than you might have, such as new listings, price comparisons or future community development plans.

To find an agent, check out local advertising or ask your friends and family for referrals. If you know the area you want to buy in, tour it, noting the names and numbers of realtors on for sale signs.

Interview at least three agents and phone their past clients for references. You will want to work with someone who is competent, experienced, has a proven track record of integrity and high standards, knows how to negotiate, and understands finances well.

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Pay off your mortgage quicker

Most mortgages allow you to pay extra on the principal balance without having to refinance or renegotiate the mortgage terms. A quick review or call to your lender will reveal the pre-payment terms of your mortgage.

One of the most popular methods of pre-payment is accelerated weekly or biweekly payments rather than traditional monthly payments. Each payment is slightly higher than the regular. So rather than paying $575 every two weeks, your accelerated payment might be $600.

The other good thing about them is you end up paying in higher frequency. If you normally pay twice per month, so 24 times per year, a biweekly payment (every two weeks) is 26 times per year, which is two extra payments each year.

If you owe $250,000 at five per cent over a 25-year amortization, accelerated biweekly payments will save you $31,000 in interest and your mortgage will be paid off 3.5 years earlier.

To further expedite the pay-off process, round your payment up to the nearest $50 or $100.

Alternatively, a double-up payment is simply paying up to double your regular payment.

Most lenders will also allow between 10 and 20 per cent of the original value of the mortgage as an annual lump sum payment. On an original $150,000 mortgage, a 15 per cent annual lump sum payment works out to a $22,500 lump sum payment.

When compared to double-up and lump sum payments, accelerated payments can be easier for homeowners on a tight budget with fixed cash flow since the extra amount is small and can be worked into a tight budget. But if you receive extra money throughout the year like a tax return or bonus, double-up or lump sum payments could be easier.

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Mattingly and Dodgers rewarded for patience

Playoff payoff.
Manager has yet to secure a deal beyond this season, however

Don Mattingly kept preaching patience.

Through the Los Angeles Dodgers' early-season slide into last place, the injuries to key players, and the reports that his job was in jeopardy, the third-year manager kept his cool.

He told everyone that the talent was there and the team's fortunes would change. Did they ever.

The Dodgers went on a 42-8 tear from late June to mid-August to win the NL West and earn their first playoff appearance in four years.

Mattingly is quick to credit his players and coaching staff, part of the even-keeled Hoosier's steady approach during a wildly up-and-down season. He's as low-key managing one of baseball's most storied franchises as he was playing for another during a superstar career with the New York Yankees.

Mattingly goes into Thursday's National League division-series opener in Atlanta not knowing if he will even be managing the Dodgers next season. The club's new owners, including Mark Walter, Stan Kasten and Magic Johnson, didn't guarantee his option for 2014 last off-season. No matter — Mattingly has pressed on.

"Everything you go through is going to make you a better manager," he said. "I haven't really changed anything."

That kind of levelheadedness carried Mattingly through the first couple of months of the season when the Dodgers and their high-priced talent fell nine and a half games behind first-place Arizona while dropping a season-worst 12 games below .500.

Injuries played a big part, with Zack Greinke, Hanley Ramirez, Matt Kemp, A.J. Ellis and Mark Ellis out at times. The bullpen was in disarray early on before Kenley Jansen assumed the closer's role.

While Mattingly was taking the blame and the heat on websites that demanded his dismissal, he knew the Dodgers were too good to be bad for long. Not with Clayton Kershaw and Greinke leading the pitching staff, and a lineup featuring Adrian Gonzalez, Ramirez, rookie sensation Yasiel Puig and Carl Crawford.

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Don Mattingly has gone from enduring the blame for the Dodgers' miserable start to leading them to the NL West title. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Money matters

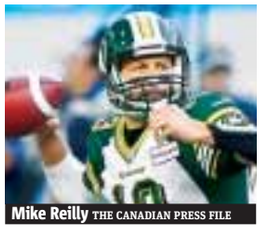
Low-rollers crashing playoff party

Hey big spenders! Baseball's playoffs are no longer your exclusive playground.

Pittsburgh, 26th among the 30 teams, with a $73.6 million payroll, rolled past Cincinnati on Tuesday night and into an NL division-series matchup against St. Louis. Oakland, 27th on the spending list at $71.1 million, according to Major League Baseball's latest figures, won the AL West and faces Detroit. And Tampa Bay, 28th at $65.6 million, played the wild-card game on Wednesday night against Cleveland, 21st at $88.6 million.

Sure, some of the big spenders found their way into October. The Los Angeles Dodgers raised their spending to $236.8 million during the season and are currently about $100,000 behind the Yankees. Boston is third at $174.1 million.

Reilly a 'full-go' in practice after concussion



Mike Reilly THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Mike Reilly went through a normal day of practice Wednesday and showed no signs of any residual concussion symptoms following the nasty head shot he took from Toronto Argonauts defensive lineman Cleyon Laing last Saturday.

Reilly was knocked out of the game and the team said on Sunday he had suffered a concussion. He missed practice Tuesday but was back taking most of the reps on Wednesday.

"Today was pretty much full-go for me," the six-foot-three, 215-pound first-year Eskimo said afterwards.

"As long as everything continues to go as expected I'm hopeful that I'll be cleared to play. There are only a few days but those are long days, there's still lots to do."

The 3-10 Eskimos play the 5-8 Montreal Alouettes Saturday in a game they have to win to retain any realistic playoff hopes.

Reilly said Wednesday he's felt no adverse symptoms since waking up on Sunday.

"The first night after the game even went pretty smoothly," he said. "Neck was a little sore that night but gone by the next morning. Since then there's been nothing to deal with."

The CFL fined Laing on Wednesday for the hit.

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Lighter in the wallet

League fines Durant for tweet

The CFL fined Saskatchewan Roughriders quarterback Darian Durant on Wednesday for sending an inappropriate tweet in response to a league fan.

In accordance with CFL policy, the league didn't disclose the amount of the penalty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Darian Durant on Sunday during the Riders' 17-12 loss to the Als. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tabby on the loose

Ticats, Williams reach agreement to end dispute

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats announced Wednesday that Chris Williams is free to sign with an NFL team, but they'll retain his CFL rights through the 2014 season.

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Chris Williams and the Ticats had been locked into a season-long dispute. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Fighting for fighting

"We'll play with a tennis ball before we take fighting out of the game."

Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa a day after the Canadiens' George Parros suffered a concussion in a fight, sparking debate about whether fighting should be a part of the game.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If a friend or colleague insists on what you think is a silly course of action, don't argue about it. Your best strategy is to agree with every word they say. Come tomorrow, they will have forgotten about it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Most times you manage to get your way but today others are determined to deny you what you want. There will be a few cross words before the sun sets. Most will come from you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You feel left out. Everyone but you seems to have something important to do. Why not turn it to your advantage? If others are too busy to watch you then you're free to do as you please.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Is a certain relationship worth the effort? That is the question you will be asking yourself today but you must not come to any hard conclusions just yet. Come tomorrow, it won't look as bad as it does now.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be eager to spend money, if only to cheer yourself up, but your extravagance could backfire on you later in the month when various bills have to be paid and you don't have the cash. Be prudent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try to view a negative situation in a positive way. Most of the "problems" you encounter are not really problems, just everyday events that you have allowed to balloon in size.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You won't be in the most trusting of moods today. You seem to believe that even your allies are plotting against you. It's all nonsense, of course, and by the end of the week you'll be the best of friends again.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's difficult cosmic picture may incline you to gloom and doom but don't let downbeat thoughts take over your mind. Make a list of all the things you have to be thankful for.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't take it to heart if certain people pour scorn on your ideas. It doesn't mean they don't think you are capable of reaching your goals. On the contrary, they know you are and that's what worries them.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's Sun-Uranus link may tempt you to scrap everything and start again from scratch but is that smart? Think of all the remarkable things you have done over the years. Don't waste all that good experience.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You would love to escape your everyday environment. So why don't you? Pack an overnight bag and head off into the wild blue yonder. Short-term escapism isn't bad.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun at odds with Uranus, planet of the unexpected, could bring a nasty financial suprise, but don't panic. Cash flow may be slow but it's not the end of the world. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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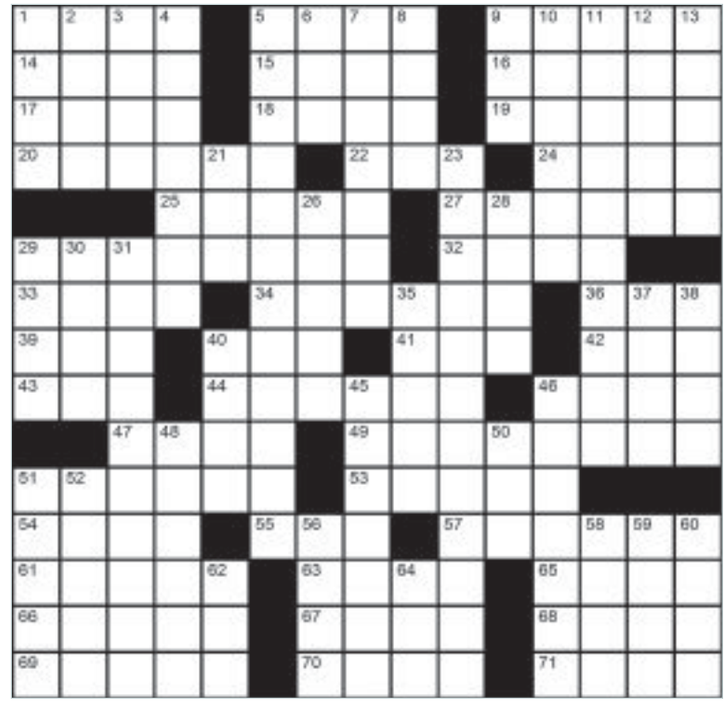
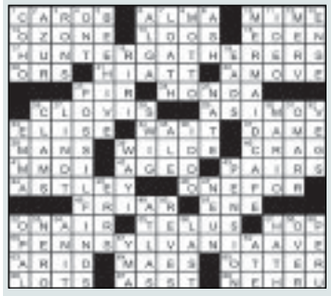


Across
1. Puffy li'l props
5. Networks
9. "Pretty Bad Boy" is by which Canadian band?
14. Canadian country songstress Ms. Yates
15. Mine passage
16. Intro-to-French verb
17. Lang. of Rome
18. "Hard Core __" (1996)
19. Wait on
20. Canadian football trophy, __ Cup
22. Chapeau: English
24. Canadian rebel Louis
25. __ finalis (Purpose, in Latin)
27. Devices for detecting
29. City in Quebec
32. Aware of, as a surprise: 2 wds.
33. Its capital is Muscat
34. Soap brand
36. 0 Meridian letters
39. Driveway covering
40. Scribble something swiftly
41. Not he
42. Particular loaf
43. UK record label
44. Ironed pants lines
46. Director Mr. Reiner
47. Margarine
49. Treason
51. Harmless, healthwise
53. Skincare formula
54. Souls: French
55. Nevertheless
57. Drummer on "The Muppets"
61. Coffee serving
63. Deeply absorbed
65. Volcanic rock
66. Traditional toys
67. Prie-__ (Prayer bench)
68. "The __ in Winter" (1968)
69. Rosebud, and others
70. Adam & The __
71. Prince Charles' sister

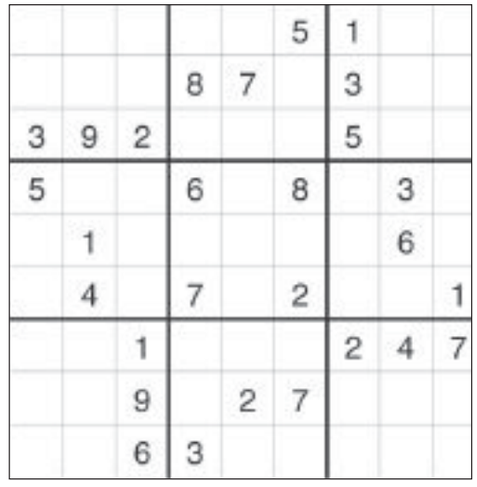
Down
1. 154 in ancient Rome
2. Wee bit
3. Mommy's mom, mini-ly
4. California's techie region, __ Valley
5. Arctic animal group-ing sight: 2 wds.
6. Tokyo, once
7. '80s rocker's coiffure look: 2 wds.
8. Ancient portico of Greece
9. Car's fill up
10. Exceed
11. Oscar Wilde novel, The Picture of __ __
12. Scuba-using person
13. Mr. Hershiser's of baseball
21. H2O, in Hull
23. Seven-time WWE women's champ from Richmond Hill, Ontario: 2 wds.
26. Glide on ice
28. L'__ aux Meadows
29. Memorization method
30. Islamic leader
31. Puppet-on-strings
35. Founded in 1946, __ Lauder
37. "__ Breckinridge" (1970)
38. Recount
40. PC image file format
45. Fast from
46. Prince Charles' wife
48. Put for sale, as a house
50. Flee
51. Resists
52. Internet letter
56. Earth goddess in Richard Wagner's opera Das Rheingold
58. City's central street
59. Makeup company
60. "Penny __" by The Beatles
62. Feminine suffix
64. Monogram of our 15th Prime Minister

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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9	2	6	8	5	1	3	4	7
3	7	5	2	1	9	4	6	8
8	9	1	5	6	4	2	7	3
4	6	2	7	3	8	9	1	5
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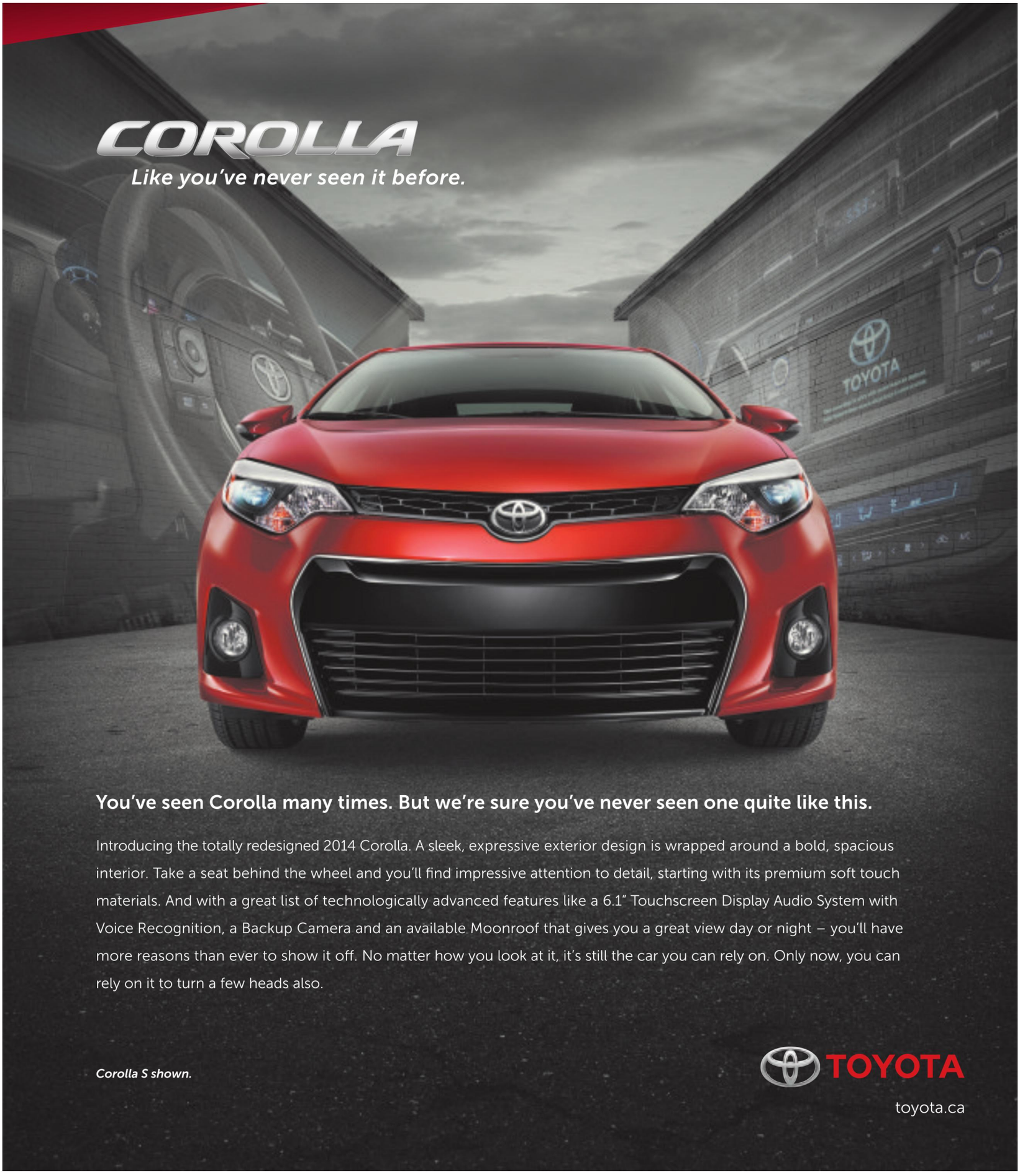

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